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SUBJECT: KHMER CREDENTIALS AT 29TH UNGA: VENEZUELA

REF: (A) USUN 5636; (B) USUN 3730; (C) STATE 221036

1. NOW THAT 29TH UNGA HAS ADOPTED FRIENDLY DRAFT RES ON CAMBODIA, REMAINING HURDLE TO FULLY SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME ON THIS ISSUE AT UN IS POSSIBLE CHALLENGE TO KHMER REPUBLIC'S CREDENTIALS WHEN CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT SUBMITTED LATER THIS MONTH. IF SUCCESSFUL, SUCH A CHAL-LENGE COULD LEAD TO EXCLUSION OF KHMER REPUBLIC FROM REMAINDER OF GA AND SET A HARMFUL PRECEDENT FOR CAMBODIAN CREDENTIALS QUESTIONS IN UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. WE THEREFORE REGARD DEFEAT OF ANY SUCH CHALLENGE AS HIGHLY IMPORTANT.

2. REFS A AND B REPORT THAT VENEZUELAN SUPPORT FOR KHMER
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REPUBLIC IN CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE IS NOT RPT NOT CERTAIN

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AND THAT VENEZUELA IS THE KEY VOTE' DEPT THEREFORE RE-
QUESTS THAT EMBASSY APPROACH GOV FOREIGN OFFICE AT HIGHEST
POSSIBLE LEVEL AND MAKE STRONG PITCH FOR SUCH SUPPORT
IN COMMITTEE (AND IN PLENARY). IN DOING SO YOU SHOULD
EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR GOV VOTES IN FAVOR OF PRIORITY
FOR AND SUBSTANCE OF ASEAN DRAFT RES AND, IF APPROPRIATE,

POINT OUT THAT VENEZUELA JOINED US IN OPPOSING CHALLENGE
TO GKR CREDENTIALS AT 28TH GA. (FYI CHALLENGE FAILED
50 TO 55 (US) WITH 17 ABSTENTIONS. END FYI.) YOU SHOULD
SAY THAT WE STRONGLY HOPE GOV WILL ADOPT SAME POSITION
THIS YEAR, AND ADD THAT: (A) CREDENTIALS VERIFICATION
HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN VIEWED BY MOST UN MEMBERS AS
TECHNICAL MATTER; AND (B) REJECTION OF KHMER CREDENTIALS
WOULD IN PART VITIATE CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION
29TH GA HAS
TAKEN ON KHMER REPRESENTATION ISSUE, AND BE CONTRARY IN
SPIRIT TO RES ADOPTED BY PLENARY.

3. REPORT RESULTS YOUR APPROACH BY PRIORITY CABLE. KISSINGER UNQTE
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